



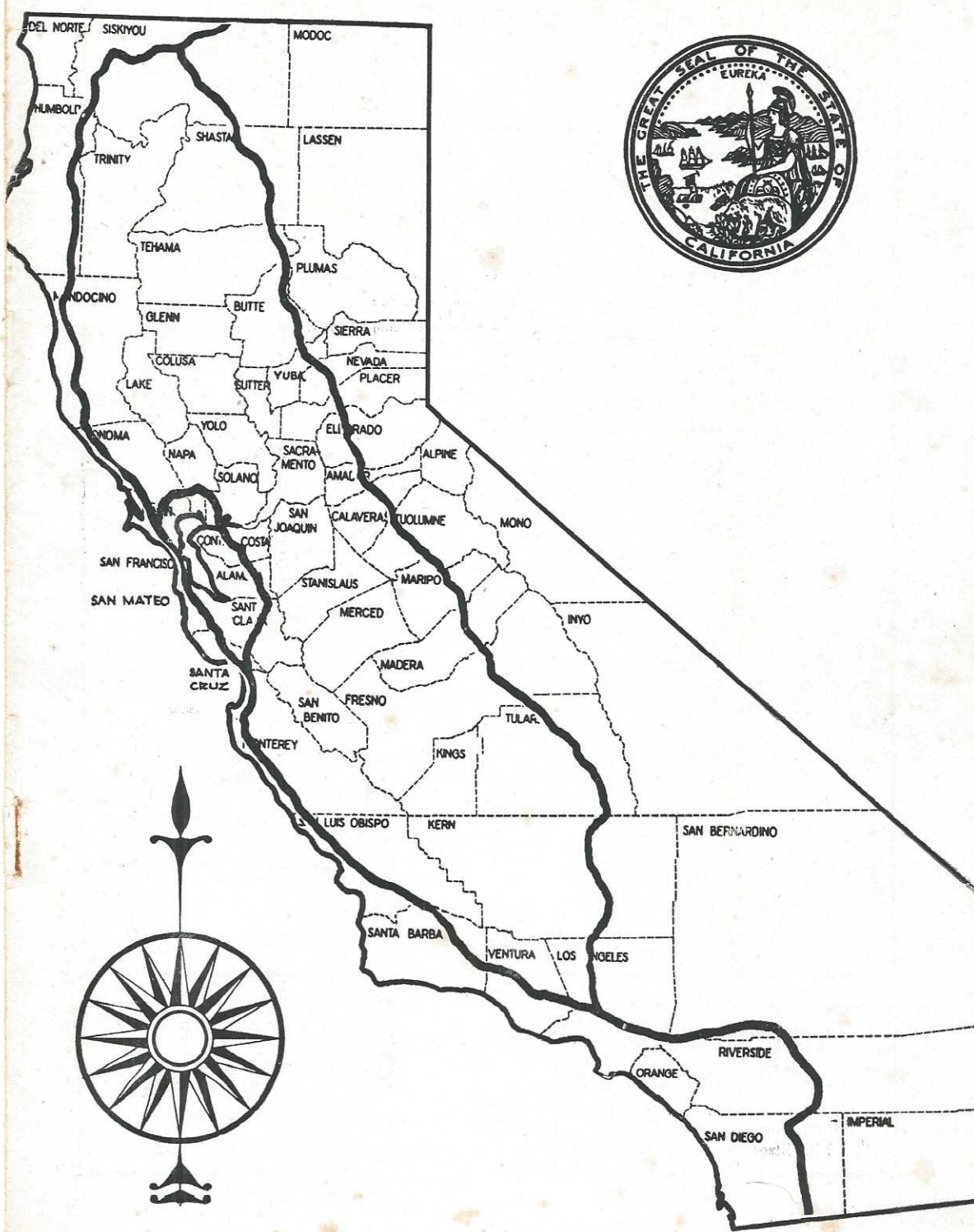
# The Trail Blazer

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## HORSE SHOW AND FAIR DATES

May 25 - Concord, Children's Show, Contra Costa Horsemen's Assn.  
 May 22-25 - Chico, Third District Fair, Chico  
 May 25 - Vallejo Horse Show, Vallejo Horsemen's Assn.  
 May 23-25 - Tracy, Frontier Days, Western Horse & Trailer Club  
 May 27 - June 1 - Sonoma County, Cross Country Trek, Sonoma County Trailblazers  
 May 30 - Healdsburg, Lytton Home Horse Show, Russian River Rider Juniors  
 June 1 - Berkeley, Horse Show, Arlington Hills Riding Club  
 June 1 - San Jose, Horse Show, Santa Clara County Horsemen's Assn.  
 June 7-8 - Healdsburg, Horse Show and Sheep Dog Trials, Russian River Riders  
 June 8 - Santa Cruz, Horse Show, Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Assn.  
 June 8 - Novato, Horse Show, Novato Horsemen, Inc.  
 June 12-14 - S. F. Boulder Creek, Trail Ride, Los Viajeros  
 June 15 - Fresno, Colt Show, Fresno County Horseowner's Assn.  
 June 15 - San Jose, Rodeo, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Posse  
 June 15 - Novato, Horse Show, Novato Horsemen Inc.  
 June 15 - Roseville, Horse Show, Roseville Riders Club  
 June 14-15 - Livermore, Rodeo, Livermore Rodeo  
 June 19-22 - Salinas, Rodeo, California Rodeo, Salinas  
 June 21 - Nite, Modesto, Horse Show, Modesto Rangers & Polo Club  
 June 27, 28, 29 - San Mateo, Horse Show, 19th Annual - Gymkhana Club  
 June 29 - Yuba City, Jr. Gymkhana, Twin Cities Riding Club  
 July 3-4-5 - Redwood City, Rodeo, San Mateo Mounted Patrol  
 July 4-6 - Calistoga, Fair and Horse Show, Silverado Riders  
 July 19-26 - Galt, Sacramento County Fair  
 July 23-27 - Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County Fair  
 July 25-27 - Sonoma-Marin Agricultural Fair  
 July 26-27 - Petaluma, Horse Show, Petaluma Riding and Driving Club  
 August 2-9 - Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fair  
 August 8-10 - Antioch, Contra Costa County Fair  
 August 9-10 - Lower Lake, Rodeo, Konoti Caballo Club  
 August 11-17 - Turlock, Stanislaus County Fair  
 August 12-17, Ferndale Humboldt County Fair  
 August 14-17, Napa, Napa County Fair  
 August 15-17, Roseville, Placer County Fair  
 August 15-17 - Quincy, Plumas County Fair  
 August 16-24 - Stockton, San Joaquin County Fair  
 August 16-17 - San Francisco, Horse Show, San Francisco Horsemen's Assn.  
 August 19-24, Susanville, Lassen County Livestock Show  
 August 20-24 - Crescent City, Del Norte County Fair  
 August 22-24 - Plymouth, Amador County Fair  
 August 23-24 - Hayfork, Trinity County Fair  
 August 28-31 - Eureka, 9th District Fair  
 August 28-31 - Woodland, Yolo County Fair  
 August 30 - September 1 - Salinas, Rodeo, Monterey Sheriff's Posse  
 August 30-31 - Concord, Trail Ride, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Assn.  
 August 30-31 - San Mateo, Horse Show - Hunter Trials, Gymkhana Club  
 August 30 - September 1 - McArthur, Inter-Mountain Fair of Shasta County  
 August 30 - September 14 - Sacramento, California State Fair  
 September 1 - Concord, Horse Show, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Assn.  
 September 1-2 - Salinas, Rodeo, Monterey County Sheriff's Posse  
 September 5-7 - Yreka, Siskiyou County Fair  
 September 5-7 - Cedarville, Modoc County Fair  
 September 5-7 - San Fernando, San Fernando Valley Fair  
 September 6-9 - Woodside, Trail Ride, San Mateo Mounted Patrol  
 September 9-14 - Merced, Merced County Fair  
 September 10-13 - Sonoma, Fair-Horse Show, Tuolumne County Fair and Horse Show  
 September 14 - Gridley, Horse Show, Butte County Horsemen's Assn.  
 September 21 - Fairfax, Rodeo, Mounted Sheriff's Posse of Marin  
 September 25-28 - Monterey, Monterey County Fair  
 September 28 - Oakdale, Horse Show, Oakdale Saddle Club  
 September 28 - Los Angeles, Ali Arabian Show, Arabian Society of California  
 October 26 - Oakland, Horse Show, East Bay Horse Show, Cressmount

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## EDITORIAL

### OUR COVER MAP — THE STATE TRAIL

Trails are of paramount interest to all horsemen, so we are sure you will enjoy studying this month's cover and reading the article on a following page on the history and present status of this master State trail. This proposed Riding and Hiking trail is not just a dream. A bill has already been enacted by the State Legislature and \$320,000.00 appropriated for a survey, acquisition of right-of-ways, and actual construction work.

The State trail will not pass through our immediate vicinity, but will cross Alameda county at the eastern end. Members of our organization, acting as our own State Trails committee, are working on plans for feeder trails which will connect Oakland with the master trail. Members of this committee are: Frank Colbourn, chairman; Ted Dreyer, Fred Anderson, Arthur Denton, and Howard Robinson. They will make an announcement of definite plans in the near future.

Imagine! A 3000-mile loop of continuous riding trails through the scenic beauties of California! It promises a grand future for horsemen in this state... a future assured because horsemen are organized, first into their many associations, like the M.H.A. and second, because those individual associations are banded together in the California State Horsemen's association. Individually, a project of this size could never have been accomplished.

It makes our own organization seem a little more important, doesn't it? And your own individual membership of added value to have had a part in getting a trail from the Mexican border to the Oregon line? For, as a member of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association, you DO have a part in it. Our organization is a member of the State Horsemen's association. A portion of your dues goes towards that membership. That's a mighty good reason why you should send in three dollars for a renewal of your membership, if you haven't already done so, and why you should also bring in at least one new member during the coming month of June.

### LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Members:

An honest endeavor is being made to get your copy of the Trail Blazer to you each month, along with various announcements of activities and important notices. Again and again we are notified that some of you have not received your Trail Blazer. Whenever such information is brought to our attention, an immediate check is made with the commercial mailing company responsible for mailing Trail Blazer and notices to the membership, and the difficulty is corrected!

It would be very much appreciated if, knowing of some member who, through an oversight, has NOT received his copy of the Trail Blazer, you would write a line or two on a penny postcard addressed to me—I will then see that the next issue of the publication reaches the member.

Thanks for your cooperation!

MARY GALE, Secretary

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#### 2nd QUARTERLY OPEN FORUM

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TIME: 8:00 P. M.

PLACE: Woodminster Amphitheatre Club Room.



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## OUR CHAIRMAN REPORTS . . .



The Alameda County Planning Commission has approved the Riding and Hiking trail for the County to connect with the Master State Trail. We are working closely with Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties. The routing

of the trail has not been completed as we must await the final plans from our neighboring counties. It is planned that a Joint Committee will meet to make final plans in the very near future.

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## TRACY HORSE SHOW

The Tracy Frontier Days Association are sponsoring a Horse Show to be held Saturday & Sunday, May 24 and 25. Thomas W. Hitz and Guy E. Stewart are chairmen for the event.

On Saturday evening the show program will include classes for polo ponies, three-gaited, five-gaited, and fine harness horses, Ladies' western pleasure horses, stock horses, jumpers, western pairs, combination horses and silver mounted parade horses.

On Sunday afternoon, the program will open at 2 p.m. with a grand entry and awarding of trophies to parade winners. The program will feature a silver mounted class, stock horses, stallion parade, quarter horse races, wrestling teams, children's western horses, ladies' trail horses, men's trail horses, musical chairs, stock horse races, hackamore, pinto, and palomino classes.

M. H. A. CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

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May 25  
Picnic Ride

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June 10  
Open Forum

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July 13  
Western Round-up

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August  
Overnight Ride

## CALIFORNIA RIDING &amp; HIKING TRAILS

History of the  
Trail Project

Leading horsemen and hikers of the State long have had a vision—a dream that one day it will be possible for a rider, or hiker, to traverse the length and breadth of California through its magnificent mountains on a continuous master-loop trail of the State.

In 1944, led by the California State Horsemen's Association, this group went to the Governor with their plan—a 3,000 mile State Master Loop Riding and Hiking Trail for California, to pass thru the mountain ramparts of the State at an average elevation of 2,000 feet, from San Ysidro on the Mexican border in San Diego County, to the Tehachapis, thence north through the Sierra Nevada to the Siskiyou range in Siskiyou County, west across these mountains to the Coast Ranges of Humboldt County, and south along the coast back to the Tehachapis.

With the Governor's support, the plan went to the 1945 Session of the State Legislature, and was enacted as the California Riding and Hiking Trails Bill, now Chapter 1469 of the California Statutes of 1945. \$20,000 was appropriated for preliminary survey, and the responsibility for the project was placed with the California Park Commission and the State Division of Beaches and Parks.

The Park Commission appointed a Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee of six men. Then, at the special session of the Legislature in 1946, an additional \$300,000 was appropriated for acquisition of right-of-way and construction work. This is the history. Now, what of the present?

Present Status  
of the Program

As of April 1947, the master plans submitted by five counties — San Mateo, Los Angeles, Contra Costa, Shasta and Sonoma, have been approved by the State Park Commission and the plans of two other counties — San Diego and Marin, have been accepted by the advisory committee and forwarded to the State Park Commission for approval.

Preliminary acquisition work and trail survey have been carried on in Contra Costa, San Mateo and Los Angeles Counties.

Without the power of condemnation, a proviso specifically included in the original act creating the trail plan, it is necessary that State officials rely entirely upon the cooperation of land-owners in the routing of the trail.

There are three ways by which the State may acquire this right-of-way: 1) gift deed; 2) use permit or easement; and 3) outright purchase of the right-of-way.

Inasmuch as the trail right-of-way sought is 20 feet, with a 3 to 8 foot trail centered, it is hoped that in most cases large landowners will grant gift deeds.

In all cases, the primary aim will be to locate the right-of-way parallel and contiguous to property boundaries or existing rights-of-way, thus avoiding any severance of property.

Where it is desired, fencing will be provided by the State and adequate gates will be installed and maintained.

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### TRAILING THE TRAILS COMMITTEE

Ted "Buck" Dreyer and his ever-active "LIVE WIRE" Trails Committee have been very busy lately formulating plans for many new trails. Most important of these is the linking of Tilden and Redwood Regional Parks, together with a well-planned and clearly marked trail.

With this objective in mind, Chairman "Buck" called his committee members together at a luncheon at the Athens Club. Plans were made for committee members to meet at the Ranger Station at the north end of the park and ride together to Tilden. Jack Tann, Wes Adams, "Buck" Dreyer, Archie Brown, Att. Heber Brown, A. B. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Evander, and Vern Chappell responded with enthusiasm, and they were on their way at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 29th. The group was led by Wes Adams, who laid out the tentative route. The entire distance, some 13 miles was covered in about two hours and thirty minutes, with very little riding on the shoulder of the highway. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all just above No. 1 green of the golf course. An impromptu meeting was called by Chairman "Buck" after lunch, and Mr. Graham and Heber Brown were appointed jointly in charge of the project and a sum of money was voted for their immediate use. Plans are to start work at once!

After the meeting, the group rode to the overnight camp for horsemen, beyond Lake Anza. It is truly a lovely spot, well equipped with tables, barbecue pits, running water and rest-room buildings. Archie Brown looked over the facilities with an eye to the future—possibly an overnight ride, combined with a dance in the Brazilian Room of the Club House. More about this later.

The return trip over a slightly different route was enjoyed by all. About thirty miles were covered during the day, and it was a very tired group of riders and horses that disbanded at the Cross Roads late that afternoon. It was a grand ride, made doubly pleasant with the knowledge that something really worthwhile had been accomplished for the benefit of all horsemen. Our association is dedicated to the building of trails, and this one, which will be properly named when completed, will stand out as a real achievement, and will do much to endear the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association to the hearts of all horsemen.

**"MEMBERS, PAY YOUR DUES, AND GET A NEW MEMBER TOO!" — your dollars are Trail Dollars!**

### CALIFORNIA RIDING & HIKING TRAILS

At a recent meeting of the advisory committee, when the question of asking the State Legislature for the power of condemnation arose, after long discussion it was agreed that such a process was impractical at present.

With assurances from leaders of the cattle-men's and woolgrower's association that they would cooperate with the project to the fullest extent, it now is anticipated that real acquisition progress can be made, particularly in the Sierra

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### YOSEMITE TRAIL RIDE

The seventh annual Yosemite ride is coming up and June 17 to 22 will be red letter days on the calendar of many horsemen. Among the contestants will be eight of our own M.H.A. members: Archie Brown, Vern Chappell, Dutch Cummings, Emily Hansen, Meredith Harris, Ray Jensen, Margaret Rukavina and Margery Tobey. Don Evans will again be one of the judges and Lyle Loeser will act as clerk.

The ride is sponsored by the Merced-Mariposa Stockmen's association and extends over 100 miles of scenic trails from Merced to Yosemite Valley. Riders check in at the Fair Grounds in Merced on the afternoon of June 17, for weighing in and assignment to heavy weight, light weight, or Junior divisions. Riders leave on the first leg of the ride at seven Wednesday morning, from Merced to Mt. Bullion via Hornitos, a distance of thirty-five miles.

The second day, riders cover the distance between Mt. Bullion and Jersey Dale by way of Darah, twenty miles. Scenic trails from Jersey Dale to Wawona will be covered on the 3rd day, a distance of twenty miles. The twenty-five miles from Wawona to Yosemite Valley is scheduled for the fourth day. This is the most interesting day's ride of all. It leads through miles of beautiful back country south of the Valley and is climaxed by the descent from Glacier Point, over the famous four-mile trail, to the floor of the Valley.

Horses are judged at the conclusion of each day's ride and prizes are awarded in each division on Sunday morning, June 22, after a final judging. The cost to each entrant is \$35.00. Non-participants may go along in their own cars at a cost of ten dollars per person for meals.

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A moonlight "weenie roast" at Elsa and Gus Himmelman's barbecue pit was thoroughly enjoyed by the Lari-ettes on Thursday evening, April 24. Hostesses were: Ashley Corvy, Alberta Weisberger, and Elsie Long.

## ★ ★ ★ BOOTS AND JEANS HOLD OVER NIGHT RIDE

Fifteen Boots and Jeans club members and their guests rode over to Tilden Park on April 30, slept in bed rolls and rode home the following day. They entertained forty friends around the camp fire that evening. There was square dancing by the light of the moon and the camp fire to the music furnished by the regular Boots and Jeans orchestra. Bill Charette drove the Chuck wagon which also carried bed rolls and hay.

Those making the ride were: Joe Halmeyer, Vergie McClellan, Dutch Cummings, Emily Hansen, Marge Tobey, Lefty Bowers, Dottie Bowers, Jack Bigelow, Ginger Bigelow, George Floyd, Betty Riker, Warren Allan, Delores Bacon, Gene Creach, and Bug Vogel. Lefty Bowers was the successful promoter and supervisor of the ride.

On the third Wednesday of April, the regular social of the Boots and Jeans club was held at Sequoia Lodge. Seventy-five members and guests enjoyed games and dancing and a delicious supper served by Babe Lampton, chairman of the evening.

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Good Luck! Frank, in your new venture. Your desire to please will, no doubt, be appreciated by our hundreds of M.H.A. members.

## RANGERS HONORED AT WILLOWS

The Aahmes Shrine Rangers were entertained and took part in the annual three-day celebration, known as the Lamb Derby, held in the city of Wilson on May 9, 10, and 11. On Friday night, the Rangers were entertained at a banquet; on Saturday, they participated in a parade, escorting state, city, and county officials; and on Sunday, the three-day celebration was climaxed with a horse show at which the Rangers presented their mounted drill. Wives of the Rangers were also guests of the city.

Recently, one of the Rangers met the Imperial Potentate while east on business. The Potentate stated that he considered the Aahmes Shrine Rangers were fast gaining national recognition. With this thought in mind, the Rangers are working hard on a two-year program to reach its climax in 1949. They have adopted the slogan "Its Ranger time in '49".

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Si and Lucille) Simons had the pleasure of seeing their four-year old Saddle bred filly, Golden Rainbow, win second in the three-gaited class at the Valley of the Moon horse show at Boyes Springs, May 4. It was the filly's first show performance under saddle and Si and Lucille can well be proud of her. She is a lovely deep chestnut, flashily marked with four white socks and has a real "show horse" way of going.



## HORSEMEN'S DREAM COME TRUE

Information has just reached us that Jack Richards will be associated with Mr. E. K. Bemis and John Brooke in the sale of Chabot Park Estates, Durant Park Highlands, etc. Here, at last, is the opportunity for the horsemen of this area to have the kind of home and small estate they have long desired — all within the means of the average family's income. The program and restrictions are based on gracious living and personal enjoyment — and the terms are EASY!!

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## (CALIFORNIA RIDING & HIKING TRAILS)

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portion of the trail which will pass largely through national forest land and large ranch holdings.

Realizing that the master trail, when completed, will become one of the major recreational features of the State, it is planned to provide overnight camping facilities along the trail. It is anticipated that these camps will be located from 15 to 20 miles apart along the trail. The sites will include lean-to shelters, cookstoves, water, and sanitary facilities.

To provide a control over the trail, the advisory committee has adopted rules and regulations applicable to the use of the master trail, and these rules will be submitted to the State Park Commission for final approval.

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**NEWS:** Patty Rukavina won first in the Children's class at the Valley of the Moon horse show at Boyes Springs, Sunday, May 4, on Chip; her mother's horse. Pat's mare, Fancy, a black and white pony, presented her with a fine sorrel and white colt a few weeks ago. Pat has named him Pat's Pride.

Butch Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Black, placed third with Rabbit and Barton Heller placed fourth with Big Enough in the same class at Boyes Springs. M.H.A. Juniors were surely well represented at the show.

Nancy Holberton has been working her Thoroughbred mare, Lilly, and has started to jump her mothers' horse, Pady Rine. George Armstrong is at the Pinto Ranch riding the pinto stallion, Flash.

Pete McCoy's little roping horse, Johnny, was hit by a car while crossing the street near Don and Ann's. The horse was cut around the legs but wasn't hurt seriously.

Loretta Cosca is now learning to trick ride along with her trick roping, Jimmy Black is her instructor. He is also teaching her mare, Poppy, some new tricks.

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**AN INVITATION:** El Caballo Volante Horsemen's Association have extended an invitation to the Junior Members of Metropolitan Horsemen's Association to participate in their Second Annual Diablo Valley Trail Ride on June 28 and 29. This is not a competitive ride but a pleasure ride to promote interest among Junior riders and an opportunity to meet horsemen from another organization. The ride is a an overnight ride through that interesting country around Mt. Diablo. Last year the ride was a big success and this year should be twice as good. Come on M.H.A. Juniors and join the fun! Entry blanks can be secured by writing to Marj Rugh, Route 2, Box 893A, Walnut Creek. Officers for this lively group are: President, Pat Ponten and Vice-President, Nancy Ponten.

**NOTICE!**

This June issue of the Trail Blazer is absolutely the last to be sent on 1946 memberships. If you wish to continue receiving the Trail Blazer, use the blank below to renew your membership, and mail same with check to the Secretary.

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## KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

### ★ DON EVANS STABLE

The 1947 show season started off with a bang for the Don Evans Stable. Triple Diamond, that top hunter belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Phil B. Davis of Piedmont, went to the Napa show April 27 and won the Open Hunter class with a beautiful performance. Don Evans was in the saddle. Janice Kenyon, who has been attending classes at the stable and taking polo lessons, was third with Mt. Helix and Eva Jean Dauger came in fourth with Fighting Boat. This good five-year-colt will be hard to beat this year. The Davises were also winners at the Valley of the Moon horse show at Boyes Springs on May 4, when their beautiful three-year-old filly, Will O' the Wisp won second in the Fine Harness class, her first trip into the show ring. She is coming along fast and will be ready to show under saddle soon.

Now that the ring is resurfaced and graded, classes are really getting started at Don's. The Friday night Horse Clinic has turned into a class for advanced English riders who have ambitions toward learning to school their own horses. Part of the evening is for individual practice in schooling and that is followed by some snappy drilling. Anyone interested in joining this class should contact Don Evans. There will also be another advanced class for flat saddle riders, one for beginners, and a western class on different week nights.

The past month has brought so many additions to the stable that several rubber stalls would surely come in handy. Miss Eva Jean Dauger, lately of the Barbara Worth stables in Sacramento, has brought in Bivouac, one of the top open jumpers on the coast, and Fighting Boat, a consistent winner in hunter classes. Mr. Edgar Turner, Jr., is another newcomer with his two stout western ponies, Idaho and Butch, who seem to be equally at home in Oakland or at their ranch home at Walnut Grove, California. Janet Golden just arrived with her nice chestnut gelding, Rex, an excellent jumper prospect, it is rumored. Don has also added to his school string, the latest two being a good looking chestnut gelding, Redwing, and a chestnut mare, Redbird, both well-liked. Triple Diamond is entered in the Hunter division and Redwing in the polo events at the Sacramento Riding club show May 17 and 18.

War Cadet, a beautiful bay gelding by Son-of-Battle, was recently sold to Bill Darnielle by Don. He is now a boarder at the stable and will continue in training.

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### ★ RANCHO BONITA (Leona Stables)

Larry Gorvad hooked up the four-in-hand team of matched black and white pintos last Sunday to start their spring training at the Rancho Bonita. His son, Pete, and Art Palmer were chief assistants. Art is quite a skinner himself and feels right at home with one foot on the dash board, one on the brake and both hands full of ribbons. After topping the team, Larry returned to the ranch to pick up Cal Tisher, Mahlon Waldren and Jack Rhodes. The team was matched by Kenneth E. Bemis and have been broken by Larry.

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Cal Tisher's good palomino, Duchess Mar'a, returned to the stables after a short training period by Pete Travis. Four-year-old Duchess still has a few humps in her back. Cal rode her straight up one day, over the time limit, but no one had a whistle to blow and the mare wouldn't quit. Ask Cal what happened!

Bobby Santos turned her mare Zei Lani into an 1800 acre pasture near Napa for a short vacation. Mrs. Leonore Studley has a yearling colt by the American Saddle bred Kyrat out of Mischief. He has caught the eye of many who admire him for his conformation and action.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young sold Irish Lass to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Camenson for their two children. The mare will lead the "life of Riley" with forty acres of pasture to roam in Alamo. Charlie Camenson did quite a bit of riding as a boy and feels almost at home in the saddle again.

Bea Sweet has a good prospect in her gray mare Lunis. Bea started riding two years ago and has turned out a good job of horsemanship. Mr. Sweet enjoys riding Lunis on the trails but has not as yet ridden her in a show.

The Leona Riders held their second annual President's Ball on April 26th at Plands in San Lorenzo, in honor of the new and outgoing officers. Archie Brown is the new president, succeeding Martin Murray. Harry Green, vice-president, took over Verne Mishler's duties. Mr. Mishler is leaving this vicinity to make his home in Los Angeles. Elsie Mesquita relieved Pearl Palmer as secretary. Earl Hansen retains his office as captain of the drill team which will be reorganized this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaeger recently moved themselves and their horses into their new place in Oak Knoll Heights and became members of the Leona Riders club. Eva Jean Dauger, well-known Sacramento horsewoman is a new resident of the Bay area. She is also a new member of the Leona Riders.

New horses boarding at Leona Stables include a gray gelding owned by Bud Lusk and a buckskin mare which Jack Rhodes of San Francisco brought to the Ranch when he recently joined the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse. Other members of the Posse stabling horses at Leona are: Art Palmer, Verne Mishler, Cal Tisher, Rod Williams, Walter Bloomert and Earl Hansen, Drill master.



## ★ OAKLAND STABLE

The Oakland Riding academy proudly welcomes two new high class horses to their stable of boarders—one a Tennessee Walking horse shipped out here by his attractive owner, Miss Barbara De Vilbiss. This little horse can really walk and has loads of style. The second newcomer is Juanita's Rhythm, snappy looking Saddle bred owned by Mrs. Bea McKechnie.

It is good to see Mrs. Wemmer back in the saddle again after a long illness. This lady was one of the most familiar figures on the bridle paths a few years ago.

Anyone wishing to join a drill team is welcome at the Oakland Stable on Friday evenings at 8:30. There is always a congenial crowd, and "coffee and" usually follows. There is also a jumping class at 7:30 on Fridays.



### ★ PRIVATE STABLES

The Howard G. Robinsons have a new arrival in their stable. Mr. Robinson's Saddle bred mare, Dodette McDonald, who is out of Cara McDonald and by Rex Denmark, foaled on April 24th, and presented a chestnut filly with two white ankles. The filly was sired by Mrs. Charlotte Anderson's handsome Saddle bred stallion, Destiny Bay and will be registered as Destiny Denmark.

In addition to Dodette and her filly, the Robinsons' stable includes Jose, an over sixteen hand chestnut gelding with four white feet and blaze, and a three-year-old brown gelding named, Moreno, who is Mrs. Robinson's mount while Dodette is busy raising her foal.

Seven acres of woods, gardens, and meadows surround the Robinson home and stable. The pastures are enclosed with white board fences and the stable includes three spacious box stalls and an interesting tack room. The tack room contains many pictures of horsemen and fine show horses, as well as a nice collection of ribbons and rows of beautifully kept equipment.

The J. L. Martins' Standard bred mare, Miss Pegasus, who is out of Maxine Pegasus and is by Guy Leaf, has a flashy chestnut filly beautifully trimmed with white markings on her face, chin and legs. She is sired by Mr. Jack Tann's popular Arabian stallion, Rahajah, which was raised at the Kellog Arabian farm. They also have another filly by the same stallion out of a Morgan type mare. She is a black with three white feet and a beautiful white dash on her forehead. Both foals are kept at the Martins' ranch in Crow Canyon.

Bucky Johnstone now has a second colt frisking about the stable. The latest addition is a chestnut son of the Saddle bred mare, Tarda and Jack Tann's Arabian stallion Rahamas. The handsome little fellow has a most interesting hour glass blaze down his face and two hind white socks. He is so friendly and completely fearless that when having his picture taken, he tried to eat the camera.

The G. S. Pauls had a horse trailer in the yard, hay and oats sacked, and were ready to take their mare, De Neze to Salt Lake City to be bred to the well known Saddle bred stallion, Conowingo, when D Neze suddenly became sick, a reaction to encephalitis serum. Needless to say, shots of any kind aren't very popular at the Pauls right now. The trip is definitely off for this year, as Conowingo's book is filled for the rest of the season.

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## ★ PINTO RANCH

Roping season is on again at the Pinto Ranch. Spectators and ropers are both welcome. New corals and chutes have been added. Jimmy Heal and Bob Phillips are running the roping this year and new ropers are thick. The lariats fly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30, and on Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Jerry and Pat Funk are back at the ranch. This pair can team rope with anybody. Bob White has a new iron gray gelding, named Smoky, that has the makings of a top horse. Dorothy Riley has a new bay mare, Sierra. Earl Nanninga had his mare back from winter pasture. He is always on hand when the roping starts.

Bob Davidson's new black and white pinto gelding, Cimeron, just fits Bob and both are happy. Ruby Welch and her pinto mare, Ribbon, can now be seen in the Trail horse classes at most of the horse shows. Harold Pickering, a former barn hand at the Pinto Ranch and Jack Alexander have gone to the High Sierras for the summer. Russ Sousa has taken Bud's place at the ranch.

Pat Rukavina and Barton Heller are two Juniors at the Pinto who won prizes at the Boyes Spring show. Details are covered in the Junior column. Vern Chappell and Meredith Harris are both conditioning their horses for the Mariposa Trail ride. Vern participated last year and had a great time. Nelly Pinto, a mare owned by Bill McManus has a chestnut filly by her side, sired by a Morgan stallion. Lucky Dawson's blue roan Quarter horse mare also has a colt — a bright sorrell. George Turner bought a bay horse from Bob Phillips and is surely mounted now.

Ted Talstrom has three new horses in the rent string. He really tries to keep the customers happy by continually adding new stock. Frank and Margaret Rukavina are now at the Rancho San Antonio. Frank is the new barn boss. Barbara Alberts is busy trying to get the squeaks out of that good new roping saddle.



## ★ RED GATES OF RIFLE LANE NEWS

The horse show season was officially opened for Red Gates of Rifle Lane at the annual Napa Valley Horse Show and although the horses were not in top form after having been vacationing since last November, O'Malley won a fourth ribbon to uphold the honor of the stable. O'Malley also won second for Norma Burton in the open jumpers class at the Valley of the Moon horse show at Boyes Springs, May 4.

Cover Girl, Idiot's Delight, O'Malley, Lady Weston and Grasshopper will be competing together most of this season, but because Elsie Mesquita must be at work every Monday morning, Lady Weston will not accompany her pals to the two and three days shows as she has in the past.

Lady Weston has been acting very much like a prima donna since her picture appeared in the National Horseman magazine. Evidently thinks she doesn't have to mind, behave, or jump — just be a glamour horse. She was a very bad girl at Napa and almost ended up as a bottle of glue. Lady will ride to the shows this year in her own trailer. She will compete at the all Junior show at Mills College on May 18.



### ★ CRESSMOUNT STABLES

**Bit & Spur:** Outgoing President Toni Vidor turned the gavel over to the new President Pat Lovell at the monthly business meeting held at Orchard Meadow. Secretary and Treasurer for the coming year are Leonore Rosenfeld of Los Angeles and Elizabeth Shohr of Chico. Members of Bit & Spur ran the Refreshments Concession Booth at the Junior Show at Cressmount and reported a successful day due to hungry participants and spectators.

Alex, patriarch of Cressmount, distinguished himself at the annual May Day Coronation Parade held at Mills College on May 1st. Alex and his rider, Anna Case, led the procession preceding the royal chariot and were flanked by a Mounted Escort comprised of Toni Vidor, Pat Lovell, Marie MacRae and Ellen Gerhles riding Coed, Killarney, Noah and Kyack. Alex had helped with his share of morning classes at Cressmount so thought it time to kick up his heels and celebrate May Day — this he did and left Anna sitting gaping by the royal roadside.

Shongehon members are preparing for a busy season due to invitations to give their spectacular Guidon Drill at various shows. The next appearance will be at the Vallejo Horseshow on May 25th and with demands to perform at the Watsonville Sciots Show and Tracy Frontier Days on July 4th. A recent reorganization will make it possible for each rider to be responsible for her horse and equipment — this means getting at the stable at 8:00 a.m., in order to have her horse groomed, saddled and ready to drill at 9:00 a.m. promptly.

The Drill Team has been divided into groups of fours with number one rider of each four responsible for her group's appearance and equipment. These No. 1 riders of "Messenger" consist of: Color Guard Messenger, Ria DeBonis; Guidon Messengers—Jakie Gableman, Beverly Cron, Marilyn Shaw and Sue Allen. In order to raise funds for new equipment the girls raffled off an electric roaster at the Junior Show. Both Helen Shaffer and Jane Garfield have entertained the group for supper at their respective homes.

Crop and Saddle riding group from U. C. terminated their riding activities until Fall with a Gymkhana on May 15th — judges for the events Mrs. Virginia Able and Lorraine Harris. Bit and Spur members, Miss Cornelia Cress and Mary Lou Hutton were guests of Crop and Saddle's Supper Ride on May 4th. After a good ride through the hills the riders were given an excellent barbecue supper which was supervised by Jackie Grover, President of Crop and Saddle.

Members of the riding group from Anna Head School held a supper ride which was their closing event until Fall. Dorothy Davidson had the group for barbecue supper at her home on Euclid Street in Berkeley.

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The Upsom Downs group have been working on some new drill formations at their Wednesday evening sessions. Mr. Robert Van Den Berg has been putting the riders through their paces since they have made up groups of fours with competitive riding each week. Phil Johnson, Upsom Down rider, has returned from an extended business trip to Washington — his "four" are glad to have Phil drilling with them once again.

Cressmount lost another boarder when Robert C. Logan and his handsome bay gelding left in April and are now established at the St. Francis Riding Club. They can be seen on the bridge paths of Golden Gate Park. Mr. Logan plans to show his horse at coming shows — good luck Bob.

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**★ WILDWOOD STABLES**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bond have a new Walking horse which they keep at the Wildwood Stables. Johnnie Curry's new ring on the top of the hill is finished. The jumping course is a fine one, according to reports.

Ollie Curry has just returned from the hospital where she had an operation performed on both feet. She is doing fine but it will be about three weeks before she will be in the saddle again. She is the proud owner of a new sorrel colt out of her mare Glory.

Since the closing of Hop-A-Long stables, Carl Edwards and Helen MacKay have been missing from the trails. Lefty Bowers has offered them corral space for their horses, so they will be back in their saddles soon.

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**★ CANYON STABLES NEWS**

O. G. Rice, the new owner of the Canyon Stables got off to a bad start. His horse fell with him and put him in the hospital with a broken leg. Game horse man that he is, he is doing barn work and riding with his leg in a cast. Welcome, Rice, and good luck.

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**★ WAGON WHEEL RANCH NEWS**

Bruce Orcutt is the proud owner of two nice colts, one a purebred Morgan filly. The Uhlig family, owners of the Wagon Wheel ranch, are waiting patiently for the arrival of young "Ferdinand" from old Bossie. Gloria Isola sold her hot dog stand to Roy Risi.

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### ★ PIEDMONT STABLE

With the horse show season starting several boarders at the Piedmont Stables are already bringing home ribbons. Al Martin and his horse, Penny, won second in the stock horse class at Palo Alto, and first, with Bob Collins, in the pairs class. Al also won a third in the trail class at the Valley of the Moon horse show at Boyes Hot Springs on May 4.

Tiny and Butch Black were among the winners at the Boyes Springs show too. Tiny won second in the trail horse class, and Butch won third in the children's class. Tiny won fourth at the Napa show the preceding Sunday.

Virginia Patten is the owner of a new filly colt, a sorrel with a blaze face and one hind stocking. Virginia thinks she's pretty nice and reports that Candy Stick and her mother, Crickett, are doing fine.

Madeline Cadenasso is also the proud owner of a new colt, a chestnut and a new Cadillac. Donald Allen's bay mare is expected to foal this month.

Art Hill has a new Quarter horse, Rags, stabled at the Piedmont. He's a top rope horse. Among the new boarders are Phil and Hazel Cain with three horses, and Lee Dahllof with his bay gelding.

Lights have been installed in the big ring at the Piedmont. They will be a big help for the Ropers' Club and for night riders and drill teams. Calves will soon be brought in and roping will then begin in earnest for the season.

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### ★ GREEN BARN

The Green Barn group started their program of summer activities with a breakfast ride into Redwood Regional park on Sunday, May 4. The chuck wagon, under command of Willis Boone, a master of the culinary art, preceded the riders. When the riders arrived at the upper orchard, the bacon and eggs were sizzling on the griddle. Appetites, which were already at a high peak, were further stimulated through the courtesy of Roy Fefley and Pete Little. Guests of the ride were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coffey and Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Norris. Appreciation for the pleasure goes to Edith Roberts who instigated the affair. George Daniels and Pete Little were in charge of arrangements.

Roy Fefley brought his nice bay filly, by Final Appeal, in from pasture recently. She will be ridden under the training hand of Roy's sister, Mrs. Carol Krueger.

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